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REMARKS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicants have amended claims 8 and 14 and cancelled claim 13. Accordingly, claims 8-12 and 14 remain pending in the application.

2.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner objected to claims 13 and 14 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated those claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

The Applicant has amended independent claim 8 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 13. Therefore, claim 8 is now allowable. Furthermore, whereas claims 9-12 and 14 are dependent from claim 8, and include the limitations thereof, those claims are also now allowable.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants believe all of

the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The

Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and

issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 8-12 and 14.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions

or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of

the Application.

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